

SALEM RECREATION COMMISSION
SALEM, CONNECTICUT
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 11, 2014

Present

Pam Henry Bob Appleby
Dave Kennedy Doug Morrow
Sue Spang/Chairperson
Diane Weston/Recording Secretary

Absent

Jim Burke Timothy Allen
Al Giansanti Vanessa Bunnell

Guests

Donald Bourdeau

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairperson Sue Spang called the meeting to order at 7:08 PM.

1. MINUTES:

M/S/C (Kennedy/Henry) to approve the January 13, 2014 minutes as amended.

Vote: Approved unanimous.

M/S/C (Henry/~~Giansanti~~ Appleby) to approve the December 16, 2013 minutes as presented.

2. TREASURER'S REPORT:

The Recreation Commission 2014/2015 Budget will be presented to the BOF on Thursday February 27, 2014. Members are urged to attend.

S. Spang presented the members with an updated budget for review.

M/S/C (Henry/Morrow) to accept the Recreation Commission 13/14 Budget Reconciliation as presented.

Vote: Approved unanimous.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT/GUESTS/CORRESPONDENCE:

a. Don Bourdeau Report

Don Bourdeau reported he has included in the Public Works budget a top dresser for the fields. He has also included a sod cutter.

The storage unit at the school needs replacement and/or needs to be fixed; the door is broken at the hinges.

4. NEW BUSINESS

a. Tobacco Free Parks

The Commission discussed a "No Smoking Policy" at the recreation complexes. There have been no noticeable problems at the fields. The Uncas Health District contacted S. Spang to see if Salem would be willing to participate with having a no smoking policy. The Commission members thought it was a good idea to set the example for the children of Salem.

b. Eagle Scout Projects

D. Morrow stated that Nate Morrow's Eagle Scout project will be the softball field press box and Joe Casiano's project will be the soccer kick wall at RHR. They will present at the next meeting.

c. BOF

S. Spang reported Capital Budget requests for the Recreation Commission. She put in the budget the electric and parking lot lighting for RHR; and the replacement playscape equipment for RHR. Both requests were well received by the BOF.

The well, septic and concession building at Volunteer Park was broken down in those three parts; these requests will be pushed out one year for the Capital budget.

d. Scoreboard

D. Kennedy reported the Lions Club of Salem will donate \$5,000.00 towards the purchase of a scoreboard. Sketches of the scoreboard were shown to the Commission.

S. Spang reminded the Commission the scoreboard will be the property of the Recreation Commission and the Town. D. Kennedy will inform the SYBL that the scoreboard is the property of the Town and SYBL will not be responsible for the scoreboard.

Discussion took place on how the checks for the purchase of the scoreboard should be made out and presented.

Advertising space will be available on the scoreboard.

S. Spang stated one AAU team would be interested in using the scoreboard. Discussion took place that a possible fee increase would take place due to bases and line machine being supplied for the teams; and also scoreboard use.

Discussion took place on a weather proof box for storage. Also the possibility of a lock box in the first base dugout with a tether attached for controls for the score board. The electric conduit was discussed as to if it ran far enough to the first base dugout.

e. Round Hill Road Lighting

D. Kennedy reported the "Baseball Today" grant fund is 50% of the expense of the pole structures and lights. The expense is \$165,000 for the lighting. D. Kennedy has estimated \$150,000 for installation. He will research "in kind" donations for installation with area contractors.

f. Recreation Clerk Report

D. Weston reported June 28 will be the Red Sox at Yankees Stadium motor coach trip. It will be a 7:00pm game; details will be released in the near future. Basic Drawing and Film Making are being offered as an before/after school program. A performing arts program will be held in July; music lessons, outdoor hockey and possible basketball program will be offered for summer programs.

D. Morrow asked if a skating rink had ever been researched. S. Spang stated it had been researched in the past; D. Weston will research on line for companies and construction.

6. OLD BUSINESS

- a. **Volunteer Park** – No report.
- b. **Baseball**- D. Kennedy reported Jim Mulholand is the Babe Ruth President. There will be another registration night with possibility of more being added; numbers are down for registrations. SYBL is researching having the concession stand run by an outside vendor. They will put it out to bid; S. Spang requested the vendor must have insurance. She will have Candy Palmer inspect the concession stand to make sure it is up to code.

S. Spang stated there is storage available in the building on the Zemko property and encouraged baseball to use it.
- c. **Soccer** – No report.
- d. **Basketball**- P. Henry reported she had heard positive feedback on how the program was being run. The Commission hopes a replacement for Vanessa Bunnell can be found for next year's program.
- e. **Tennis** – No report.
- f. **Multi-purpose Path** – S. Spang reported paperwork has been submitted to the Army Core of Engineers for the bridges. Brush cutting has taken place in the area of the parking lot on Music Vale.

7. OTHER BUSINESS

The concession stand will be painted in the spring.

The plaque was discussed for the concession stand to honor the residents that have helped established recreation in Salem.

8. FUTURE ACTION ITEMS

- a. **Language for Adult Gym Use.**
- b. **MOU for leagues** – S. Spang and P. Henry will work on the MOU for the leagues.

9. ADJOURNMENT

M/S/C (Spang/Morrow) to adjourn the meeting at 9:01 PM. Vote: approved unanimous.

Respectfully submitted by
Diane Weston
Recording Secretary